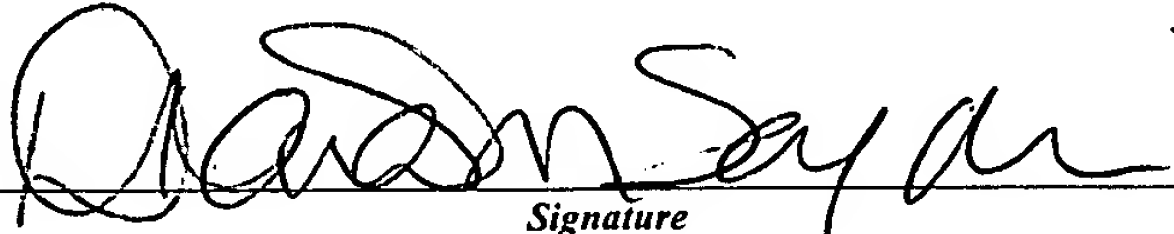
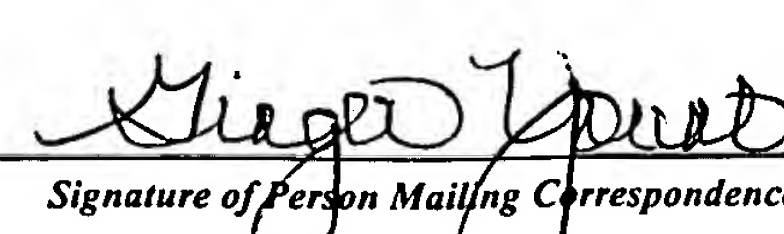
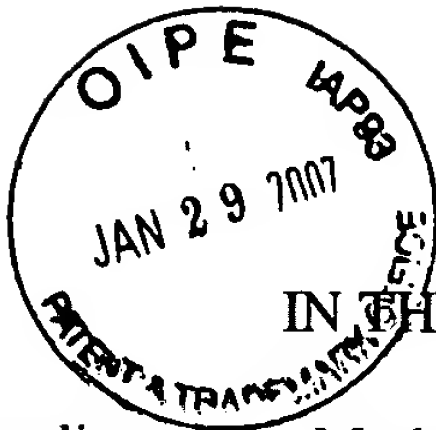


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.						
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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